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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 13, 2025 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order: Chair Robert Williams called the Meeting to Order

Attendance:
Members: Robert Williams, Larry Lopardo, JP Devilliers (Remote), Richard Taylor (Remote), Keith McCloskey, Alan Atkins, Liz Howie, Brian Mickelson, Cory Spruiell

Staff: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart, Joan Glubczynski, Jessica Anson, Clay Llewellyn, Jessica McCrary, Trey Anson, Roland Neville, Katelyn Edwards

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Jeff Hendren

Visitors/Guests: Approximately seven Members were present. Six spoke on pickleball matters

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- Joan Glubczynski introduced Roland Neville as the new Associate Director of Recreation. The JAC members and Board Liaisons introduced themselves. Roland will oversee the Rec Centers, pools, tennis facilities, parks, and the beach
    - Jessica Anson is the Senior Director of Recreation
    - Trey Anson will oversee the marina, trails, Blowing Springs, and campground, and will report to Doug McCann
- Joan also introduced the new manager of Branchwood: Katelyn Edwards
- Tom Judson reported that the POA seeks volunteers to run for the POA Board of Directors. Informational meetings are scheduled for January and February.
- Rick Echols reported that:
    - the Norwood fill-up is underway, a passive process dependent on the weather
    - The Rangers had 1442 contacts in December. That is up from the 1064 December 2023
    - The Brittany fish stocking is ongoing
    - We are collecting Christmas trees at Lake Ann park for creating fish habitats
    - We will do a survey in the spring on fishing needs
- John Urquhart reported that:
    - Trap and skeet are open on Sundays
    - Usage is steady from 2023
- Joan Glubczynski reported that:
    - We have new staff at several facilities, in addition to new managers
    - Over 1300 after hours fobs were sold in 2024 for the Rec
        - in response to a question, Joan noted that the $25 fob fee is a one-time cost unless a Member loses the fob and needs a new one
    - Pickleball programming hours have more than doubled and the scheduling info is on the POA website
    - Tennis courts are locked during inclement weather for safety reasons

Visitor Comments

- Six Members spoke on various issues related to use of the Rec pickleball space. Joan and Jessica Anson responded to the issues.

Commendation for Joan Glubczynski

This was Joan Glubczynski's last Rec JAC Meeting. The JAC UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION THANKING JOAN FOR HER TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP.

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# Amenity Reports:

**Amenity: London Park**
**Committee Member: Robert Williams**
**Review Month/Year: December 2024**

**Overall Condition:** Restroom well stocked and clean.
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean but the fillet buckets were full (early morning)
Ramp and shoreline (see areas for review)

**Areas for Review**: Along the ramp and shoreline there is about 2 inch thick algae that extends about 3 to 4 feet out. Note sure I've ever seen this before.

**Member Interactions: None**

**Additional Observations:** None

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**Amenity: Loch Lomond Rec Area and Branchwood Complex and Trail**
**Committee Member: Cory Spruiell**
**Review Month/Year: December 2024**

**Overall Condition:**

Branchwood – Very good, as usual. Nice porch swing at the pickleball courts. The poles that were in the basketball court are gone – much safer!

Loch Lomond Rec Area – Busy despite there being snow on the ground. Bathrooms looked great.

**Areas for Review:**

Branchwood – There is no soap dispenser at the sink in the men's locker room. The wobbly benches at the pickleball courts remain despite the addition of the swing.

Loch Lomond Rec Area – The signs on the dog park fence are badly faded (see attached). Consider replacing. Also, the furniture in the dog park is showing its age.

**Member Interactions:**

I talked to a lady on the path to the dog park. who commented on how iced over the path was. The group in the dog park referred to Bella Vista as "paradise."
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**Additional Observations:**
N/A

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Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Liz Howie
Review Month/Year: January 1, 2025
Overall Condition:
The Park was well maintained other than one portable restroom had no TP. And when I looked at the kayak/canoe area I was pleasantly surprised to see two of the kayaks already had 2025 stickers!

Areas for Review:
A gentleman pulled up as I was leaving and was walking his dog off leash toward the water. This was after I left Granton Park where the woman had a large barking german shepherd off leash when I arrived. This is the first time at both parks I have run into off leash dogs so I do not know if it is an issue,

Member Interaction:
None

Additional Observations

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**Amenity: Granton Park**
**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: January 1, 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The Park was well maintained with trashcans empty, Portable Potty serviced and landscape clear of trash etc.

**Areas for Review:**
When I got out of my car a woman was walking a german shepherd off leash and it was barking at me. She eventually leashed the dog but because the dog continued to bark, I did not interact with her. This is the first time that I have seen an off-leash dog here so don't know if it is an ongoing issue.

**Member Interactions:**
A Lake Ranger was pulling up as I was driving away but I had no other interactions

**Additional Observations:**

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Amenity: Lake Avalon

Committee Member: J.P. DeVilliers
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Review Month/Date: November 2024

Overall Condition: Excellent

The beach closed for the season.

Areas for Review: None.

I visited Lake Avalon over the weekend and with the weather there was no one using the facility. The grounds look immaculate as always.

Member interaction: None

Staff Interaction: None.

Other: None

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**Amenity: Kingsdale Complex**

**Committee Member: Richard Taylor**

**Review Month/Year , December, 2024**

**Tennis Center**

Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. The clubhouse has been cleaned up and decorated for the holidays. Courts 3,4,7, and 8 are in need of resurfacing. There are numerous cracks and dead spots. The court lights are very old and outdated. The lights should be updated if/when the budget allows.

Areas for Review: Resurfacing of courts 3,4,7,and 8 and updating of court lights

Member interaction: I spoke with some tennis members and they all seem to be very happy with the new Tennis Director, Kelli. She decorated the facility for the holidays and provided some treats for members. She also organized a fireside holiday party for members. The members informed me of a new fee structure in 2025 for non-members designed to address some issues regarding non-members and USTA leagues. They also informed me that there had been changes implemented regarding court reservation scheduling procedures for the upcoming USTA league season designed to address member complaints regarding court availability.

**Rec Center**

Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be looking great at the Rec Center.

Areas for Review: None
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Pools

Overall Condition: Pools are closed for the season. Everything seemed to be in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Mini Golf

Overall Condition: The Mini Golf course was in good condition. The putter stand contains numerous putters that are in poor condition. Periodically, the putters should be removed from the stand.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The playground looks good.

The Pavillion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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**Amenity: Lake Ann Dam Park / Boat Ramp Park**

**Committee Member**: Keith McCloskey

**Review Month/Year**: DEC 2024

**Dam Park Visited** 12/08

**Overall Condition:** Visited WED after some snow and a couple of days of

cold weather. Surprised to see erosion on other side of bridge that

created an unsafe area closed with warning tape. Curious to know

our long-term plan? Areas in great shape around waterfall and bridge.

Damn docks all good and trash cans empty and bathrooms good.
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Member Interactions - none but saw Lake patrol drive thru

Areas for Review: I believe we will need to paint railing leading to docks soon. If not, we will have rust to contend with.

Launch Area - reviewed 12/08

Overall Condition - Nice to see the donated Christmas trees staged while waiting to be sunk as fish habitat. Pavilion / BBQ areas good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept.

Areas for Review - just 2 canoes with 23 or later registration. One piece of dock bumper still hanging loose on right side of launch dock. This was noted in November. (see pics)

Member Interactions - none.

Additional Observations – none

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**Amenity:** Metfield Park and Clubhouse
**Committee Member:** Keith McCloskey
**Review Month/Year:** DEC 2024

**Overall Condition:** Visited 1/09/25

Picnic / Pickleball Area
Great shape overall. Minimal leaves and grass well kept. Screens on Pball court well kept.

Clubhouse and workout facilities. Both well kept and in fine shape.

**Areas for Review:** Bathrooms had very full trash and were in need of
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towels and toilet paper. Trash in picnic area pretty full.

Member Interactions: Long discussion with Melody at front desk. She passed along feedback from members who expressed desire for updated/expanded east side gym and work out facility. Melody said mornings were extremely crowded. She also said equipment is older at Metfield than other areas. She also gets a lot of feedback about overcrowding of Metfield Pickleball courts. One short term and cost free solution is expanding Pickleball times at Riorden.

Additional Observations: Nothing additional

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Soft-Trail extension from the Bathroom area to the Tanyard Creek Golf parking lot along the road would increase parking spaces during high usage periods.

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Water bottle dispenser at the front parking lot needed.

Trailblazers of BV announced Big News for Mountain Bikers. The official opening of the Creekside Mountain Biking Trail. The .7 Mile -mile soft-surface trail, built by Trailblazers, connects Bella Vista to Bentonville , offering a safe and scenic route that gets you off the Highway 71 shoulder. Construction is about to begin on the Razorback Regional Greenway realignment that should be ready in late 2025.